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Dear Mr. Hartzog:

Thank you for asking me to share with you some of my thoughts about the future of our nation.

Although I have not long been the Director of Central Intelligence, some things are already very clear to me. One is that at no time in the history of our country has it been more imperative for our policymakers to have good information about what is happening beyond our borders.

We have but to look at the kinds of problems that will face the world in the next decades: overpopulation and under-production; extremism and terrorism; interdependent economies; exponential scientific and technological advances.

America's leaders cannot hope to deal with these complexities without a clear knowledge of the problems, our own national capabilities to deal with them, and an understanding of the intentions and capabilities of other nations. Intelligence can and must play a major role in helping our leaders have the necessary knowledge and understanding.

President Ford has said that in peace time there is no substitute for intelligence. Intelligence is also a tool to help achieve peace. With foreknowledge, we can hope to alleviate problems and tensions in the world before they